IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KURIAN JOSEPH

FRIDAY, THE 6TH JULY 2007 / 15TH ASHADHA 1929

WP(C).No. 21052 of 2004(F)

PETITIONER:

MATHEW JOSEPH S/O. JOSEPH
RESIDING AT VENGACHOTTI HOUSE,
ATHIRAMPUZHA P.O., KOTTAYAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.TERRY V.JAMES
SRI.JAISON PALIYIL

RESPONDENTS:
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1. CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL FORUM
CIVIL STATION, KOTTAYAM.

2. ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, THE ELECTRICAL
INSPECTORATE, KOTTAYAM.

3. THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
ELECTRICAL DIVISION OFFICE, VAIKOM, KOTTAYAM.

4. THE KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
REP.BY THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
K.S.E.B., ETTUMANOOR, KOTTAYAM.

BY ADV. SRI.K.S.ANIL, SC, KSEB

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON 06/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS

EXT.P1. COPY OF THE BILL DT. 5/2/02 BY THE R4.

EXT.P2. COPY OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BEFORE THE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL FORUM, KOTTAYAM.

EXT.P2A. COPY OF THE ORDER OF THE IST RESPONDENT DT. 26/07/02.

EXT.P3. COPY OF THE NOTICE DT. 2/07/2004 BY THE R3.

RESPONDENT'S EXHIBITS

EXT.R4A. COPY OF THE LETTER DT. 16/7/04.

EXT.R4B. COPY OF THE ORDER DT. 28/07/04.

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KURIAN JOSEPH J.

W.P.(C) No.21052 of 2004

Dated 6th July, 2007.

J U D G M E N T

That the Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum is having jurisdiction to entertain disputes regarding the defective meter, is now settled in favour of the petitioner by the Full Bench decision of this Court in **General Manager, Telecom, BSNL v. Krishnan** (2003(1) KLT 817). There will be a direction to the first respondent to consider Ext.P2 complaint on merits and dispose of the same within four months from the date of receipt of a copy of the judgment. It is made clear that any demand pertaining to the disputed meter will be deferred till a decision is taken by the Forum.

The writ petition is disposed of as above.

KURIAN JOSEPH, JUDGE.

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KURIAN JOSEPH, J.

O.P. NO. OF 200

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Dated 6th July, 2007.